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Board of Equalization Launches Convenient Online Educational Seminar Packages *Online Classes Offer Quick, Easy, 24-hour Access to Help Businesses*

Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), launched an innovative new package of online educational products to assist taxpayers as an alternative or enhancement to the in person seminars offered by BOE.

These cost effective and convenient educational products include a complete online seminar package that enables taxpayers to get answers to the most commonly asked questions. The videos and PowerPoint presentations in the online seminars are designed to offer the same information as an in person class, but with the benefit of being available 24-hours a day. This enables taxpayers to access BOE information anytime, anyplace, and anywhere it's convenient for them. Seminar topics include how to start your business, how to grow your business, how to efile, cigarette and tobacco retailer information, and information for non-profit, exempt, and faith-based organizations. Information from BOE's partner agencies is also available online, including information from the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, and other local organizations.

Working with various state, federal, and local organizations, the BOE will continue to enhance these online educational resources and expand the library of tools available to taxpayers. Many of these helpful classes will also be available soon in other languages, such as Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

For more information, visit the new BOE online seminar page at:
www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In 2008, Steel uncovered a \$42 million mistake in the agency's sales tax refund procedures. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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